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Proposals for the improvement
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From

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Submits proposals for revising the work of the
Statistical Branch.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

The Statistical Branch was constituted in
May 1918 (Vide Govt Order N^o G. 15508-558/
G. M. 635-17-1 d) 17.5.18).

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2. The principal items of work of the Statistical Branch ^{have been fixed} ~~will be~~ tentatively as follows:—

- (1) Scrutiny and review of the statistical returns received in the Secretariat (*Vide* provisional list appended) from the several departments of Government.
- (2) Examination of the forms and methods of collecting statistics and suggesting improvements in the light of foreign publications, including English, American and Canadian, and co-ordinating the work of the several agencies responsible for the collection of statistics.
- (3) Preparation of a statistical abstract and atlas for the State revised and brought up to date once every three years. (*Vide* Government Order No. 1820-70—A. & I. 47-15-28, dated the 23rd August 1917.)
- (4) Preparation of the Annual Administration Report of the State.

3. The Director of Statistics was asked to submit a report on the working of the Branch at the end of the year. (*Vide* para 9 of G. O. N. G. 15508-558/G. M. 635-17-1 of 17.5.1918).

4. He has not submitted a report about the work done but makes the following suggestions for improving the working of the branch:—

(1) That the scrutiny and review of the statistical returns (27 returns) may be transferred to the respective administrative branches, the Statistical Branch making suggestions for their improvement.

(2) } To remain as they are
& (3) } (A list of important subjects

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and questions requiring attention have been subd. by Mr. Thyagaraja Iyer in connection with the O & D Scheme to which he now refers.

(4) The preparation of the Admin. Report to be attended to by a Special Assistant or transferred to the Chief Secretariat.

5. Proposals about this have been subd. by Mr. Thyagaraja Iyer separately. (This file has been referred to the Rev. Secy for opinion as per Dewan's order).

6. Finally Mr. Thyagaraja Iyer suggests that he may be appointed Ex-Officio Secy. to Govt. in matters requiring the orders of Govt.

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7) The work in the Statistical Branch may continue as heretofore, but with a view to remove certain defects in organization brought to light during the last year, the following changes in organization and procedure may be adopted:-

1. The Director of Statistics may either be made ex-officio Secretary to Government or the Statistical Branch may be designated Statistical Department and the Director given the status of a Head of Department. The present arrangement is anomalous as will be clear from the two instances herewith put up (vide flags H and J).

2. In either event, the Statistical returns of the several Departments should be first received in the corresponding Secretariats and referred to the Director for technical scrutiny, after any administrative action due thereon has been taken. ~~the same~~ The Director may however be given power to call for the data on which any particular return has been based, in order to verify their accuracy.

3. In either event, the Director's initiative should be limited to investigations into the methods adopted for collecting statistics and making suggestions for their improvement and preparing comparative reviews on Statistics of Mysore, British India and other countries and also on allied statistics furnished by more than one Department.

8) As regards the other points raised by the Director it may be noted that the posting of an Assistant temporarily for the preparation of the Administration report

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has been separately submitted for orders.

9) Proposals have also been submitted separately to post Mr. T. Ramaiya, Probationary Assistant Commr, to a District for training. If necessary, he may be retransferred to the Statistical Department for a further term after his training in the District is over. In the meantime, another Officer may be sent this year to Calcutta for Statistical training, as a class has been arranged in November. The ^{Rev Commr} Director may be requested to nominate 2 or 3 officers for -- selection ^{of a candidate} by Government.

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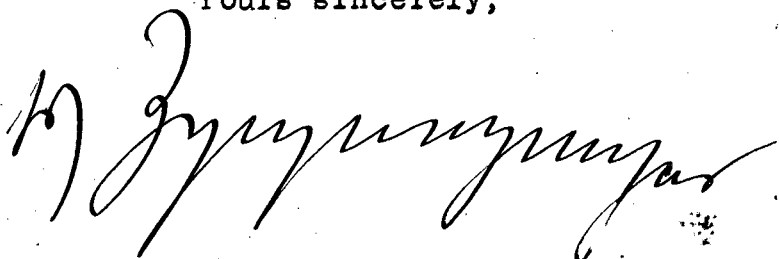
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Dear Sir,

Adverting to paras 7, 8 and 11 of Government Proceedings No.2752-801/E.A.G.244-18 dated 29th June 1918 passing orders in regard to organization and development work, I enclose herewith two lists, one being a list of important questions -- requiring consideration and the other being a list of subjects for study.

2. As the Department (or Branch of the Secretariat) was formed only in the latter part of May last, there is not much to report in the way of progress; but much work remains to be done in the current year (1918-19).

Yours sincerely,



To

The Chief Secretary to the Government
of H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

I. List of important questions requiring consideration.

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- (a₁) Appointment and training of an Assistant to the Director of Statistics. (Note with 2nd Member's opinion already sent to Dewan);
- (a₂) Regular training in Statistical work of all officials dealing with Statistics (in Headquarter offices, District and Taluk offices);
- (a₃) Equipment of the Statistical Branch with books, journals and mechanical appliances relating to Statistics; the more important being (1) the publications of the International Statistical Institute, the Royal Statistical Society and American Statistical Association: (2) Arithmometers and Tables for Statisticians;
- (a₄) The preparation of a Manual of important orders relating to Statistics;
- (a₅) Improvement of Statistical statements by (1) reduction of superfluous Statistical Statements;
- (2) Standardization of Statistical forms and statements.

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II. A LIST OF SUBJECTS FOR STUDY

(a₁) Study of Statistical organization in

- (1) British India
- (2) Europe (England, France and Germany).
- (3) America (Canada and the United States).
- (4) Japan
- (5) Australia
- (6) South Africa

(a₂) Study of Agricultural Statistics of the above countries.

(a₃) Study of Vital Statistics of the above countries.

(a₄) Study of Industrial and Commercial Statistics of the above countries.

(a₅) Study of Educational Statistics of the above countries.

(a₆) Study of Census Statistics of the above countries.

(a₇) History of Statistical organization in Mysore from 1831 or earlier.

(a₈) Study of the Mysore Statistics with suggestions for improvement in their collection and compilation.

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Office of the Director of Statistics
in Mysore,
Dated, Bangalore, 20th May 1919.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with para 9 of Government Proceedings - -
dated 17th May 1918 constituting a Statistical Branch in the Se-
cretariat, I have to make the following report.

General Admi-
nistration
Report. 2. The preparation and issue of the State Administration Re-
port for 1917-18 in the Statistical Branch without a special - -
assistant for the work--as is done elsewhere (i.e., in Madras and
Bombay)--has had the effect of retarding the progress of Gazetteer
work. Proposals have been separately made by me for revising the
procedure in the preparation of the General Administration Report.

Other items
of work.

3. In regard to other items of work, I would first make the
general remark that the twenty seven statistical returns mentioned
in the list appended to the Government Proceedings are best re-
viewed and otherwise dealt with, from the administrative and statis-
tical points of view, in the respective branches concerned, the
elementary knowledge of statistical methods required for this work
being considered as essential as let us say a knowledge of ele-
mentary arithmetic. There has also been some delay in getting the
returns from the Inspector-General of Education, the Sanitary Com-
missioner and the Revenue Commissioner. The question as to how
the review is best done was discussed by me in connection with the
transfer of cattle mortality returns to the Revenue Commissioner
and the point need not therefore be laboured in detail again.

Statistical
Abstract.

4. In regard to the periodical preparation of the Statistical
Abstract and Atlas, I agree that this forms the legitimate work
of a Department of Statistics however organized.

Summary.

5. To sum up, my views on the several points are--

(a) That the preparation and issue of the General Administra-
tion Report be attended to by a special assistant as is done else-
where or transferred to the Chief Secretariat

(b) That the review &c., of the 27 returns appended to the

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Government Proceedings dated 17th May 1918 be transferred to the respective administrative branches. The Statistical Branch retaining however the initiative of making suggestions for their improvement.

(c) That in other respects, the work of the Statistical - - - Branch may remain in general outlines as in Government Proceedings dated 17th May 1918, the list of important subjects and questions requiring attention having already been furnished in my D.O.No.73 dated 29th July 1918.

(d) That the Director of Statistics may be made ex-officio Secretary to Government in matters requiring the orders of Government, while his duties as Director of Statistics will be performed in his own name. This is suggested in order to prevent friction in working with other Heads of Departments.

6. In conclusion I desire to say that no comparative description and discussion in this connection, of the organization of the Statistical Departments in British India or the advanced - - - countries of Europe, America, Africa &c., will be of much use and that I have confined myself to such suggestions as have arisen out of the working of the Department during the past one year.

Yours sincerely,



To .

The Chief Secretary to the Government of

H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.